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## MAKE OUT NEW GERRYMANDER BILL

### Senate Passes Measure Of Its Own Construction

#### Knox, Licking, Holmes, Coshocton, Perry, Fairfield Together

Columbus, May 20.—Provisions of the material men's lien law of 1913 have been changed in the interest of building and loan associations and of home owners by the passage by the house of the Moore senate bill. Under the present law, a real estate mortgage is a subsequent lien to those of mechanics and material men. The bill makes the mortgage a prior lien. An amendment, which Representative Terrell of Cleveland got inserted after considerable effort, requires the owner of a building which is being erected to be notified in five days by the contractor and material man of any unpaid claims which are a lien on the property.

The Wallace one day rest in seven bill was sent to conference committee, the house, at the instance of Whittaker and Chapman of Montgomery, refusing to accept the senate amendments, which greatly increased the number of industries exempted.

Substitute for the Deaton county fair tax bill, which Governor Willis vetoed, was passed by the house under suspension of the rules. The governor disapproved of the tax rate, one-tenth mill, as too high, and of the extension of the tax for a decade as too broad a grant of power.

The farmers put through the house the Platt dog tax bill, providing that the tax be used to pay for damages for any farm animal or fowl killed by a dog. Now only sheep claims are paid.

The Hines free textbook bill, which would have cost the state \$1,271,000 a year, was sidetracked to make room for the Hake bill, to permit special school districts to vote on centralization, and if the proposal fails to carry to continue as special districts. Under the present law, if the vote does not carry, the district is dissolved. The Hake bill passed.

The house passed the Hodgkin bill, appropriating \$50,821 for additional cattle claims; Bryson bill, reducing from \$20,000 to \$1,000 the bond of the treasurer of Wilberforce university; Totman bill, authorizing Ohio university at Athens to sell lands and invest the proceeds.

With the near-certainty that Governor Willis will veto it, the senate by a vote of 17 to 16 passed the Jackson bill, intended to give relief to municipalities which are in financial distress.

#### New Gerrymander Bill.

The senate worked out and passed a new gerrymander bill. It was so different from the bill passed by the house that the latter quickly refused to concur, thereby sending it to a conference committee, from which another measure is expected to emerge. The new bill places Summit and Portage counties in the Seventeenth district, throwing Medina, Lorain and Huron with Erie to make up the Fourteenth. The Seventeenth district would be the lowest in population of the entire twenty-two. It would have about 140,000, notwithstanding the ratio generally is conceded to be about 180,000.

Senator Gallagher, who is a candidate for congress in the Seventh, wanted Fayette added to insure a larger Republican plurality, but the senate bill retains Fayette in the Sixth, as in the house bill. The Seventh district, as proposed by the senate, comprises Pickaway, Madison, Green, Clark and Champaign. In the house bill, Miami was included, but this was thrown into the Fourth.

A queer situation has arisen in the construction of the Fourth and Fifth districts. The senate draft leaves these as constituted at present with the exception of the addition of Wood to the Fifth. The house draft threw Putnam from the Fifth into the

Fourth. When the five house members from the Fifth heard that Putnam was to be restored to the Fifth by the senate, they served notice on Senator Winans, chairman of the senate committee, that if this were done they would absolutely refuse to concur.

Under provisions of the senate bill the Sixth district would be composed of Warren, Clinton and Fayette, taken from the Seventh; Ross from the Eleventh and retain Clermont, Brown, Highland and Pike. The Tenth would be made up of Scioto and Adams from the present Sixth, Lawrence, Gallia, Jackson, Vinton and Meigs from the present Tenth, and Hocking from the present Eleventh. Erie is taken from the Ninth district in the senate draft and placed with Lorain, Medina and Huron to form the Fourteenth. Franklin remains as the Twelfth, and the Eleventh is made up by the senate to include Fairfield, Perry, Licking, Knox, Coshocton and Holmes. The senate draft of the Eighth includes Delaware, Union, Logan, Marion and Morrow.

### CABINET CHANGES WILL AID AMERICANS

#### Mean More Favorable Treatment of Shipping Interests.

Washington, May 20.—There is strong probability of more favorable treatment for American shipping interests as a result of the coming reorganization of the British cabinet. It is the expectation of officials here that when the changes contemplated under Premier Asquith's announcement are put into effect, Sir Edward Grey, minister of foreign affairs, will exercise a larger influence in the administration than heretofore. The foreign office has been disposed in many instances to treat neutral interests with much more liberality than has been the practice, but was prevented from doing so by the predominant influence of the admiralty and the war ministry. The lessening of the despotic power of the military branches of the government over all other branches is understood here to be the chief objective of the cabinet changes about to be made.

With this accomplished, good reason is found for expecting that not only will the British authorities be more lenient in treatment of American shipping interests, but that the delays, which really have been a greater cause of suffering to Americans than the British policies themselves, will be substantially reduced.

#### Attacks Ideas of Pacificists.

Lake Mohawk, N. Y., May 20.—Scheduled as the principal speaker on the world peace movement before the conference on international arbitration, which began here, President John Grier Hibben of Princeton stirred the peace advocates when he vigorously attacked their educational work as pacifists and by advocating "a wise preparedness of our military forces in the United States."

#### Tragic Death of Tennis Champion.

Paris, May 20.—A. F. Wilding, the tennis champion, was killed while operating an auto-mitrailleuse. He had put the machine under shelter to observe the enemy's artillery fire from a reserve trench when a shell fell directly on him, killing him instantly.

## FINE PERSONNEL OF NAVY SHOWN IN LAND PARADE OF BIG FLEET'S CREW



PRESIDENT WILSON REVIEWING SAILORS' PARADE. ARROWS INDICATE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY DANIELS.

New York, May 20.—It was under low hanging clouds, with heavy showers of rain, that President Wilson, the commander-in-chief of the military and naval forces of the United States, reviewed the magnificent land parade of the officers and men of the north Atlantic fleet. On the great stand which had been built across the front of the public library on Fifth avenue from Forty-first to Forty-second streets were hundreds of notables huddled under umbrellas. The eager desire of the crowd burst into applause at the slightest excuse was shown whenever a temporary let-up

in the downpour gave them an opportunity to lay aside their umbrellas and clap their hands. The cheering was continuous. The serried ranks of bluejackets, swinging past at the powerful, easy gait of the sailorman ashore, the grim rifles glistening with the wet, the boyish faces of the men in the long lines which came past with a front so broad that it overran the east curb of Fifth avenue, the obliqueness of all of them, from Admiral Fletcher to the last orderly, to the weather-all of them tended to make the parade more inspiring than though the sun had been shining and the flags floating gayly from the masts.

The grave features of the president lighted up with pleasure as the men with the big signal flags bearing the names of each ship passed, the men of the Delaware and North Dakota leading. Each ship was cheered from the stands as its crew appeared. Then, as the platoons passed, Mr. Wilson leaned forward as though studying the faces of the boys, satisfying himself that in them was written the spirit and the determination for the work they have enlisted to do. He seldom spoke to Acting Mayor McAneny and Secretaries Daniels, Lane and Redfield of his cabinet, who sat on either side of him.

## DERNBURG WILL NOT CARRY SAFE CONDUCT FROM BRITISH

Washington, May 20.—When Dr. Dernburg, the unofficial spokesman of Germany in this country, leaves the United States, he probably will not carry any safe conduct from the British government. It has been announced at the German embassy that Dr. Dernburg has decided that the time has come for him to leave this country, and it became known also that he desired a safe conduct from the British embassy to guard him on

the return voyage to Germany. The state department has not officially requested the British embassy to grant such a safe conduct for Dr. Dernburg and it now seems to be likely that the request will never be made. Action by the state department was conditional on assurances that the request would be favorably received, and information now at hand indicates that the British government is not disposed to entertain any request for a safe conduct.

## ITALY AND THE WAR; CONTRADICTORY DISPATCHES

London, May 20.—Dispatches from Rome continue to be somewhat contradictory, but the majority agreed that the Italian government has definitely decided to enter the war on the side of the allies, that the German and Austrian ambassadors are preparing to leave Rome, and that the consul generals of these two countries either

have already left their posts or will soon do so.

On the other hand, a message coming through Paris says that Austria has submitted new proposals which she hopes will induce Italy to remain neutral. A definite announcement is expected from the Italian foreign office.

## NEW PREXY FOR WOOSTER

Wooster, O., May 20.—The board of trustees of Wooster college decided to take charge of the summer school and to rescind the action of the board in February, establishing a normal school. President Louis Edward Hoeden, who resigned at the February meeting, sent word that his decision regarding his resignation was final and the trustees appointed a committee to take up the question of a new president and report at June meeting.

## CLERGYMEN'S PENSIONS

Cleveland, May 20.—A resolution providing for pensions for aged and disabled clergy of the Protestant Episcopal church was adopted at the closing session of the convention of the diocese of Ohio. Clergymen are to be retired at the age of sixty-eight on relinquishment of active salary. They will receive the equivalent of about one-half the salary, the minimum annuity to be \$600.

## REIGHARD GETS WATCH

Columbus, May 20.—Representative Frank H. Reighard of Fulton county, chairman of the house finance committee, which made the short and long budgets, was presented by the members of the committee with a gold watch. Representative W. K. Swan of Preble made the presentation on behalf of his colleagues.

## WOMAN DIES OF POISONING

Cleveland, May 20.—A fashionably dressed young woman who registered as Miss M. A. Bird of Detroit was found dying in her room in a local hotel from poisoning. She died two hours later at a hospital without regaining consciousness.

## RIDDLE EXONERATED

Columbus, May 20.—T. P. Riddle of Lima, conductor of the 1913 and 1914 corn boys' excursions to Washington, was absolved by the agricultural commission of charges that he cleared from \$5,000 to \$10,000 on the 1914 excursion through rebating by the railroads. The finding of the commission is that the charges were false and malicious.

Mrs. Stella Osborn and Mrs. Emma Osborn of West Walnut street went to Sunbury Wednesday to attend the funeral of a relative.

Rev. O. E. Ford and Rev. S. T. Allen went to Columbus Wednesday to attend the meeting of the National Young People's Association.

## SCHEME IS FAVORED

### By Three Opposing Parties In England

#### CRISIS CAUSES BIG SURPRISE

Bonar Law and the Leaders of the Labor Party Decide to Accept the Premier's Invitation to Be Represented in the New Cabinet—Baron Fisher May Retain Post as First Sea Lord. Cause of the Upheaval.

London, May 20.—Spokesmen for the two great rival parties, Premier Asquith and Andrew Bonar Law, made statements to the house of commons confirming the reports of a coalition ministry.

Premier Asquith said that nothing had been definitely arranged, but three things were certain: The prime minister and the foreign secretary will continue in office; no change is contemplated in the policy of the country of prosecuting the war with all energy; reconstruction of the cabinet would not mean any surrender by persons or parties of their political purposes.

Andrew Bonar Law, in endorsing this statement, said: "Our sole consideration is what will be best for finishing the war successfully."

The Labor party decided to accept Premier Asquith's invitation to be represented in the new coalition government. Arthur Henderson will join the cabinet. William Bruce and another Labor member will be appointed to minor posts in the government.

Not for many years has a political transformation so overwhelmed the country with surprise. Only a week ago Premier Asquith said in the house

of commons that there was no thought of reconstruction of the ministry. The rapid pressure of events, both abroad and at home, has driven the government to a change of heart and brought together the elder statesmen to deal with a situation charged with critical elements.

The events abroad have been the severe reverses of the Russian armies which may be followed by more powerful German opposition to the allies' lines in France and Belgium and the slow progress of the operations against the Turks, whose campaign is being conducted largely by German officers.

The events at home have been the friction between Winston Spencer Churchill and Lord Fisher in the admiralty, which one writer describes as the nerve center of the nation, and the attacks upon both the war office and the workmen for their alleged failure to supply the army with sufficient ammunition.

There is a widespread belief that although Baron Fisher tendered his resignation as first sea lord, such arrangements will be made as will enable him to retain his post under the new first lord of the admiralty, if he does not assume the first lordship himself.

Regarding the lord chancellorship, the question is raised whether Lord Reading could take the position on account of his Jewish faith, as the lord chancellor is "keeper of the king's conscience."

A majority of the newspapers support Lord Fisher and sustain his argument that the naval campaign should be free from civilian control, the same as the army has been.

The Morning Post has led in the criticism of Churchill. Its chief charges against him have been that he insisted upon the unsuccessful attempt to force the passage of the Dardanelles with the fleet against the opinion of the sea lords; that the enterprise he personally directed of taking the naval brigade to Antwerp was a costly failure, and that the responsibility was his for Rear Admiral Craddock meeting the German Admiral Von Spee off Chile with an inferior squadron.

On the other side of the account, Mr. Churchill is given credit for the mobilization of the fleet at the beginning of the war and for the efficient condition in which it entered the war.

## HAMILTON'S Specials for Friday and Saturday

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Gold Medal Peaches, can	20c
Gold Medal Pineapple, can	20c
Gold Medal Pumpkins, two cans for	15c
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Lakewood Peas, regular 15c, two for	25c
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Lenox Soap, 10 bars for	25c
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